

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Eugenio Cruz Garcia et al. Confirmation No.: 8656
Appl. No.: 10/689,510 Examiner: Jeanette E. Chapman
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Title: FLOORING SYSTEM HAVING SUB-PANELS WITH COMPLEMENTARY
EDGE PATTERNS

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 5, 2011, Applicants herewith file a Terminal Disclaimer. The Terminal Disclaimer fee was previously paid on July 25, 2011 via EFS.

In the Office Action, the only rejection is the rejection of claims 1-62 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness type double patenting over U.S. Patent No. 7,836,648 and 7,836,649 (“the ‘648 and ‘649 patents”). While Applicants do not necessarily agree that the claims of the present application and the ‘648 and ‘649 patents are patentably indistinct, Applicants file the present Terminal Disclaimer to advance prosecution.

Applicants believe the application is now in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 312-3366 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should be sent to the below-listed address.